

LIBERAL ARTS

A Liberal Arts major includes coursework from various academic disciplines. At VVC, the Liberal Arts major has three areas of emphasis to choose from: Arts & Humanities, Math & Science, and Social & Behavioral Sciences. These majors require a student to spend a significant amount of time on studies focused on one of these three areas of emphasis. Students planning to transfer into a major that is not available at VVC often choose to major in Liberal Arts because they can easily plan courses that meet their transfer requirements as well as this Associate of Arts major. Please work with a counselor to carefully craft the plan that is right for your goals.

Transfer

Please visit the VVC Transfer Center in Building 23 or schedule an appointment with a counselor if you have questions.

Liberal Arts, AA Degrees

The Associate degree in Liberal Arts is designed for students who wish to have a broad knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences plus additional coursework in an Area of Emphasis. Within this major, students who plan on transferring to a university can typically satisfy both their general education requirements as well as many pre-major requirements for transfer. Consult with a counselor for information regarding your intended major and the specific college or university of your choice. Visit [assist.org](http://www.assist.org) (<http://www.assist.org>) for more information. For a printable format for these majors please visit the Liberal Arts Majors (http://www0.vvc.edu/offices/guidance_and_counseling/21-22__LiberalArts_FineArts_MASC.pdf) document.

Requirements:

To earn this degree, complete the major coursework with "C" grades or better and all of the following graduation requirements: 60 minimum degree-applicable units (including a maximum 4 units of activity); 2.0 minimum overall GPA; 12 degree-applicable units through VVC; Information Competency; Global Citizenship; Kinesiology, and the VVC General Education pattern (<https://catalog.vvc.edu/degrees-certificates/vvcge/#vvcge>). Courses may count in one area only, either in the major or in a general education category. Courses counted in one AA/AS major may not be used in another AA/AS major.

- Choose an Area of Emphasis
- Complete a minimum of 18 units from ONE of the three areas of emphasis below

Liberal Arts: Arts and Humanities Emphasis, AA

State Control Number: 18595

Program Code: LAAH.AA

Approved for Federal Financial Aid: Yes

These courses emphasize the study of cultural, literary, and humanistic activities and artistic expression. Students will evaluate and interpret the ways in which people through the ages in different cultures have responded to themselves and to the world around them in artistic and cultural creation. Students will also learn to value aesthetic

understanding and incorporate these concepts when constructing value judgments

Complete at least 18 units from the following, with at least **two courses in any one subject**.

ANTH 106 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology¹
 ART 101 Survey of Art History¹
 ART 102 Survey Art History¹
 ART 104 Film As an Art Form¹
 ART 105 Introduction to Art
 ART 106 Art Concepts
 ART 107 Art & Life of Greece¹
 ART 108 Art and Life of Italy¹
 ART 109 Survey of African American Art
 ART 110 Introduction to the Arts of Africa
 ART 112 Design I
 ART 113 Design II
 ART 114 Color Theory
 ART 120 Acrylic Painting I
 ART 122 Life Drawing I
 ART 125 Drawing I
 ART 150 Oil Painting I
 CART 133 Digital Imaging
 CMST 105 Intercultural Communication
 ENGL 102.0 Composition and Literature
 ENGL 102H Honors Composition and Literature
 ENGL 109 Creative Writing²
 ENGL 116 Authors of the Theatre³
 ENGL 220 Modern Fiction
 ENGL 225 Poetry
 ENGL 230 Survey of American Literature 1600-1865¹
 ENGL 231 Survey of American Literature 1865 to Present
 ENGL 232 Chicana and Latina Literature¹
 ENGL 233 African American Literature
 ENGL 234 Native American Literature¹
 ENGL 235 Children's Literature¹
 ENGL 240 World Literature Ancient-Early Renaissance¹
 ENGL 241 World Literature Renaissance-Modern¹
 ENGL 245 Survey of British Literature Early Medieval-Neoclassics
 ENGL 246 Survey of British Literature Romantic Period to 20th Century¹
 ENGL 247 Shakespeare
 HIST 103 World History to 1500¹
 HIST 104 World History Since 1500¹
 HIST 115 History of California
 HIST 117 History of U.S to 1876
 HIST 117H Honors Us History to 1876
 HIST 118 History of U.S From 1876
 HIST H118 Honors History of the United States From 1876
 HIST 130 Latin American History to 1822¹
 HIST 131 Latin American History From 1822¹
 HIST 153 African American History
 HIST 155 Women in U.S. History¹
 KIN 103 History and Appreciation of Dance¹
 MUSC 100 Introduction to Music
 MUSC 101 Fundamentals of Music
 MUSC 102 Music Theory I

MUSC 103 Music Theory II
 MUSC 116 Music in America
 MUSC 117 History of Jazz¹
 MUSC 118 Survey of Rock and Roll¹
 MUSC 202 Intermediate Theory-Chromatic Practice I
 PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy
 PHIL 108 Introduction to Ethics and Contemporary Moral Issues
 PHIL 114 Introduction to Political Theory and Thought^{1,3}
 PHIL 117 Philosophy of Religion³
 PHIL 120 History of Ancient Philosophy
 PHIL 121 History of Modern Philosophy¹
 POLS 114 Introduction to Political Theory and Thought^{2,3}
 RLST 101 Introduction to Religious Studies¹
 RLST 105 Old Testament, Hebrew Bible, Religions of the Ancient Near East¹
 RLST 106 Introduction to the New Testament and Early Christian Literature¹
 RLST 110 Religions of the Middle East and the West¹
 RLST 111 Religions of South and East Asia¹
 RLST 115 Religion in America
 RLST 117 Philosophy of Religion³
 TA 101 Introduction to Theatre
 TA 102 History of Theatre¹
 TA 104 Oral Interpretation of Literature
 TA 107 Intermediate Acting
 TA 110 Principles of Design for Theatre
 TA 116 Authors of the Theatre³

Languages:

ASL 122 American Sign Language I¹
 ASL 123 American Sign Language II¹
 ASL 124 American Sign Language III¹
 ASL 125 American Sign Language IV¹
 FREN 101 Elementary French¹
 FREN 102 Elementary French¹
 SPAN 101 Elementary Spanish¹
 SPAN 101A Fundamentals of Spanish 101A¹
 SPAN 101B Fundamentals of Spanish 101B¹
 SPAN 102 Elementary Spanish¹
 SPAN 103 Intermediate Spanish¹
 SPAN 104 Intermediate Spanish¹

¹ Course fulfills the VVC Global Citizenship competency.

² Course does not transfer to UC

³ Cross-listed courses are the same course listed under different departments ENGL 116 Authors of the Theatre = TA 116 Authors of the Theatre; PHIL 114 Introduction to Political Theory and Thought = POLS 114 Introduction to Political Theory and Thought; PHIL 117 Philosophy of Religion = RLST 117 Philosophy of Religion

Liberal Arts: Mathematics/Science Emphasis, AA

State Control Number: 18594

Program Code: LAMS.AA

Approved for Federal Financial Aid: Yes

These courses emphasize the natural sciences which examine the physical universe, its life forms and its natural phenomena. Courses in Math emphasize the development of mathematical and quantitative reasoning skills beyond the level of intermediate algebra. Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the methodologies of science as investigative tools. Students will also examine the influence that the acquisition of scientific knowledge has on the development of the world's civilization.

Complete at least 18 units from the following, with at least **one course in math** and **one in science**, with at least **two courses in any one subject**.

AGNR 123 Introduction to Plant Science
 AGNR 170 Environmental Science and Sustainability
 AGNR 170L Environmental Science Laboratory Laboratory
 ALDH 125 Medical Aspects of Drugs & Alcohol
 ANTH 101 Introduction to Physical Anthropology
 ANTH 101L Physical Anthropology Laboratory
 ASTR 101 Descriptive Astronomy
 BIOL 100 General Biology
 BIOL 107 Introduction to Human Biology
 BIOL 118 Principles of Heredity
 BIOL 201 Biology of Cells
 BIOL 202 Biology of Organisms
 BIOL 203 Population and Environmental Biology
 BIOL 211 Human Anatomy
 BIOL 221 General Microbiology
 BIOL 231 Human Physiology
 CHEM 100 Introductory Chemistry
 CHEM 201 General Chemistry
 CHEM 202 General Chemistry
 CHEM 206 Introductory Chemistry II: Organic Chemistry
 CHEM 207 Introductory Chemistry III: Biochemistry
 CHEM 281 Organic Chemistry
 CHEM 282 Organic Chemistry II
 GEOG 101 Introduction to Physical Geography
 GEOG 101L Geography 1 Laboratory
 GEOG 130 Introduction to Weather and Climate²
 GEOL 101 Physical Geology
 HLTH 102 Contemporary Problems in Personal and Community Health
 MATH 104 Trigonometry²
 MATH 105 College Algebra
 MATH 105H Honors College Algebra
 MATH 120 Introduction to Statistics
 MATH 120H
 MATH 120S Introduction to Statistics With Skills Support
 MATH 132 The Ideas of Math
 MATH 226 Analytic Geometry and Calculus I
 MATH 226H Honors Analytic Geometry and Calculus I
 MATH 227 Analytic Geometry and Calculus II
 MATH 227H Honors Analytic Geometry and Calculus II
 MATH 228 Analytic Geometry and Calculus III
 MATH 228H Honors Analytic Geometry and Calculus III
 MATH 231 Linear Algebra
 MATH 270 Differential Equations
 OCEA 101 Oceanography
 PSCI 101 Principles of Physical Science
 PHYS 100 Introductory Physics
 PHYS 201 Engineering Physics I-Mechanics
 PHYS 202 Engineering Physics II - Fluids, Sound, and Thermodynamics

PHYS 203 Engineering Physics III Electricity And Magnetism
 PHYS 204 Engineering Physics IV-Optics and Modern Physics
 PHYS 221 General Physics I
 PHYS 222 General Physics II
 PSYC 109 Biopsychology
 PSYC 215 Introduction to Statistics in Social and Behavioral Sciences

² Course does not transfer to UC.

Liberal Arts: Social/Behavioral Science Emphasis, AA

State Control Number: 18596

Program Code: LASBS.AA

Approved for Federal Financial Aid: Yes

These courses emphasize the perspectives, concepts, theories and methodologies of the social and behavioral sciences. Students will learn about themselves and others as members of a larger society. Topics and discussion to stimulate critical thinking about ways people have acted in response to their societies will allow students to evaluate how societies and social subgroups operate.

Complete at least 18 units from the following, with at least **two courses in any one subject**.

AGNR 175 Sustainable Agriculture, Environment and Society¹
 AGNR 178 Agriculture Economics²
 ANTH 101 Introduction to Physical Anthropology
 ANTH 102 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology¹
 ANTH 103 Introduction to Archaeology
 ANTH 106 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology¹
 CHDV 100 Child Growth & Development
 CHDV 106 Child, Family, and Community
 CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
 CMST 105 Intercultural Communication¹
 ECON 101 Principles of Economics: Macro¹
 ECON 102 Principles of Economics: Micro¹
 ENGL 234 Native American Literature
 GEOG 101 Introduction to Physical Geography
 GEOG 102 Introduction to Cultural Geography¹
 GEOG 103 Geography of California
 GEOG 104 World Regional Geography¹
 GUID 101 First Year Experience
 GUID 105 Personal & Career Success
 GUID 107 Learning Strategies and Study Skills²
 HIST 103 World History to 1500¹
 HIST 104 World History Since 1500¹
 HIST 115 History of California
 HIST 117 History of U.S to 1876
 HIST 117H Honors Us History to 1876
 HIST 118 History of U.S From 1876
 HIST H118 Honors History of the United States From 1876
 HIST 130 Latin American History to 1822¹
 HIST 131 Latin American History From 1822¹
 HIST 153 African American History
 HIST 155 Women in U.S. History¹
 KIN 104 Psychology of Physical Performance²

PHIL 114 Introduction to Political Theory and Thought^{1,3}
 POLS 101 Introduction to Political Science
 POLS 102 Introduction to American Government And Politics
 POLS 103 State and Local Government²
 POLS 110 Introduction to International Relations^{1,2}
 POLS 112 Introduction to Comparative Government And Politics¹
 POLS 113 Politics of Middle East and North Africa¹
 POLS 114 Introduction to Political Theory and Thought^{1,3}
 POLS 206 Introduction to Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management¹
 PSYC 101 Introductory Psychology
 PSYC 110 Developmental Psychology
 PSYC 121 Human Sexuality and Intimacy
 PSYC 204 Social Psychology
 PSYC 213 Abnormal Psychology
 RLST 113 Religion and Society¹
 RLST 115 Religion in America
 SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology¹
 SOC 102 Social Problems
 SOC 103 Introduction to Marriage and Family²
 SOC 107 Introduction to Race and Ethnicity¹

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Program Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) are statements of the kind of learning a program hopes a student will achieve. The PLOs describe the knowledge, skills, problem-solving, communication and values that apply to all certificates and/or degrees within that program. For the IGETC program, PLOs link to the college's Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs).

Upon completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Communication:** Read and write analytically including evaluation, synthesis, and research; deliver focused and coherent presentations.
- Computation:** Apply complex problem-solving skills using technology, computer proficiency, decision analysis (synthesis and evaluation), applications of mathematical concepts and reasoning, and the analysis and use of numerical data.
- Creative, Critical and Analytical Thinking:** Apply procedures for sound reasoning in the exercise of judgment and decision making; demonstrate intellectual curiosity and a respect for learning; solve problems through analysis, synthesis, evaluation and creativity; identify, evaluate and appropriate use of multiple sources of information.
- Social and Personal Responsibility:** Evaluate the relationship between natural, social and economic systems and the significance of sustainability; demonstrate responsible attitudes toward cultural diversity, citizenship, personal contribution to local and international communities, and the effect of human actions on the environment.
- Information Competency:** Students demonstrate information competency and critical thinking skills through their ability to

effectively locate, retrieve, evaluate and utilize use library and information resources within the guidelines of academic standards to meet collegiate and personal information needs.

6. **Health and Human Flourishing:** Synthesize educational aims into a holistic approach to the many facets of human flourishing; apply principles of physical, psychological and emotional health and fitness; demonstrate scholarly skills that support intellectual virtues for life-long learning; embrace concepts of fiscal responsibility; and define goals that extend beyond oneself.